

Speech and Debate

Evanston Township HS

Our Five Principles

1. Education
2. Inclusion
3. Student Driven
4. Fun
5. Competitive Excellence

All About Opportunity

We are here to give opportunities to our students: to compete, to learn, to travel.

Our team offers opportunities to participate in multiple events, in multiple states, throughout the year. Students set their own schedules and commitment levels.

Opportunities: **Events**

Our students compete in four styles of debate and three different types of speech events.

Students are encouraged to try multiple events during the year.

Opportunities: Events

Lincoln-Douglas (LD): One-on-one debate over values and morals.

Public Forum (PF): Two-on-two debate about current events.

Congressional Debate (CD): A mock Congress debating about bills and resolutions written by students.

Policy Debate (PD): Two-on-two debate about federal policy options.

Opportunities: Events

Limited Preparation Events: Students compose speeches about current events or pop culture with limited prep time.

Platform Speaking Events: Students write, memorize, and perform original speeches about a topic they choose.

Interpretation Events: Students select a book, poem, or script, edit it into an eight to ten minute story, then memorize and perform it, playing all characters.

Opportunities: Events

We have a Sorting Hat on our website to help kids select an event to start with.

Students may switch events at any time during the year; there's no procedure, they just start going to different practices.

Opportunities: Coaching

We have ten assistant coaches for speech and debate.

Our coaches have won city, state, and national championships in several different events.

We have a dedicated assistant for each debate event and each group of speech events.

Opportunities: Teaching

There is an Introduction to Debate class and an Advanced Debate class.

The Intro class teaches the fundamentals of speech and debate; the Advanced class is a repeatable honors credit for team members to do competitive and curricular work.

The class compliments the team, but neither is necessary for either...

Opportunities: Practice

Practices are typically two days a week after school, and last about an hour and a half.

Attendance is taken, so students should communicate with coaches if they cannot be there.

Opportunities: Tournaments

Our season runs from September to June; students can compete as often or as little as they want.

Students pick a competitive schedule that works for them.

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We attend about 50 competitions; most are in Chicagoland and occur on Saturdays.

We provide transportation and lunch; typical schedule is 7am to about 4pm.

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We have periodic All-Go tournaments where we expect all students in an event group to attend a tournament. They may compete or observe or judge.

Opportunities: **Travel**

In 2018-2019, our team will travel to Lexington, Des Moines, Madison, Minneapolis, Boston, Atlanta, Springfield, Dallas, and Milwaukee.

Opportunities: Travel

We try to minimize missing school.
It does not count against students.

We have three sort of financial arrangements:
true cost, requested contribution, and
scholarship.

Opportunities: **Extra-Extracurricular**

Showcases

Racial Literacy

Support Space for Students of Color

Spanish Language Debate

Experiential Learning

Opportunities: College

This is the best activity to prepare students for college, as well as the best activity to increase their chances of getting into the college of their choice, often with scholarships.

Our seniors last year are attending: Columbia, McGill, Pomona, Carleton, Macalister, Berkeley, Northwestern, Washington University, UW Madison, Denison, American, Cornell, Stanford, Tulane, and UIC.

Opportunities: **Parents and Guardians**

Judging!

A huge way to help our team...

It's really super easy...

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The Superb Owl: our tournament, two weekends before Presidents Day. We need everyone's help to make that event a success.

Some fundraisers: restaurant nights, mattress sale, fundraiser mailings.

Some Other Practical Concerns

Clothes: students should dress as their best selves. We have some clothes available for kids that need them.

Use our website: www.ethsspeechanddebate.org

Rest of the Year

1. Update Emails
2. Commitment Forms
3. Communication

Questions?